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1. Under the Communist regime in Shanghai, the fishing industry is controlled by the Shanghai Marine Products Company, which is made up of the Fishing Control Bureau in Fu Hsing (49 64) Road and the China Marine Products Company, in Yangtzepoo. The new firm is in charge, among other duties, of repairing and re-equipping vessels taken over from the Nationalists. During December 1950, about ten boats were repaired and sent out to fish.
2. One fishing trip requires about ten days and usually brings in a catch of 4000 to 6000 catties of fish. The fish is immediately turned over to the Shanghai Fish Market, which is state owned and under direct control of the Marine Products Control Bureau of East China District. This market is completely responsible for selling the fish.
3. Since the Choushan Archipelago was taken over from the Nationalists, the number of fishing vessels has increased. During the season, in December, for "hair-tail" fish and sea-eels, twenty to thirty sailing vessels go out daily to fish and bring in daily catches of 4000 to 5000 catties. During the cold weather, about 10,000 catties of shrimp and river fish are shipped into Shanghai daily on the railways from Nanking and Hangchow.
4. A considerable amount of salt fish is imported from Tsingtao and the North-east. The favorite variety is O Pien (咸片).\*\*\*

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\* Comment: For a discussion to the Shanghai Marine Products Administration, see

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\*\* Comment: The Shanghai Fish Market is described in

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\*\*\* Comment: This fish could not be definitely identified; it is referred to as Russian sliced fish.

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